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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of : October 17, 2003
Y. Nakamura, et al : Group Art No.: 2155
Serial No. 09/337,181 : Examiner: K. Dinh
Filed: June 21, 1999 : for IBM Corporation
Title: MESSAGE MULTICAST : Anne Vachon Dougherty
METHOD AND COMPUTER : 3173 Cedar Road
Yorktown Hts, NY 10598

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed with an RCE and a Petition for Extension of Time with fee. The Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated April 17, 2003 and Applicants hereby withdraw the Appeal for which a Notice of Appeal was filed on July 17, 2003. In response to the Office Action, the Applicants wish to submit the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments which begin on page 9.

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